



## STRATEGIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

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**Data for July 2006**  
(Preliminary)

### Economic Growth Region 10

**Please Note:** The Indiana portion of the Louisville, KY-IN MSA has been changed. The new configuration includes Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington Counties. Information in this newsletter includes Claims information, information on job openings and Labor Force information for the whole of Economic Growth Region 10.

#### \*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

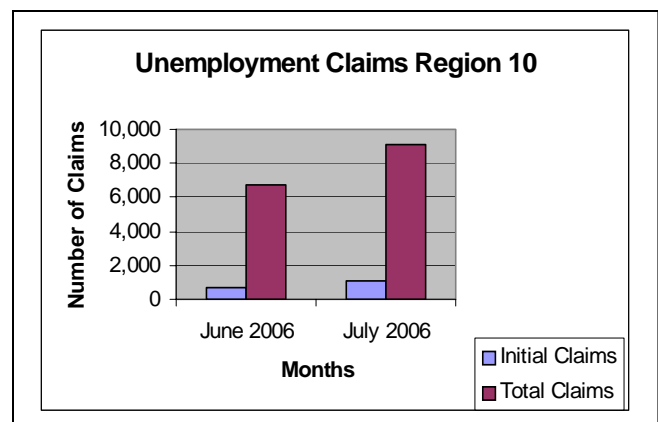
Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.

The counties in the new Indiana Economic Growth Region 10 are Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington.

Beginning with the January 2006 data, the information in this newsletter will be only for the new Economic Growth Region 10.

**Unemployment Compensation Claims** The total number of unemployment compensation claims for July 2006 was 9,154 which represented an increase of 2,372 from the June 2006 figure of 6,782. The following chart and graph show the comparisons for July and June 2006. These claims were filed through the New Albany Department of Workforce Development office.

	Initial Claims	Total Claims
June 2006	684	6,782
July 2006	1,132	9,154



**Job Openings July 2006  
Indiana Economic Growth Region 10**

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Average</b>
	<b>Of</b>	<b>Hourly</b>
<b>Occupational Title</b>	<b>Openings</b>	<b>Wage</b>
Meat, Poultry & Fish: Cutters & Trimmers	25	8.92
Production Machinery Maint. Mechanics	12	13.27
Heating & Air Conditioning Mech. (HVAC)	11	14.13
Head Sawyers	10	8.25
Sawing Machine Operators	10	8.25
Sawing Mach. Setters & Set-Up Operators	10	8.25
Production Laborers	9	10.87
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	9	19.21
Personal & Home Care Aides	7	7.54
Teacher Aides/Education Clerical	7	8.21
Teacher Aides, Paraprofessional	7	8.21
All Other Machine Operators	6	11.79
Cashiers, General	6	6.68
Machinists	6	17.60
Welders and Cutters	6	14.00
Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Mechanics	5	15.88
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	5	10.75
Metal Fabricators, Structural Metal Prod.	5	12.67



As of January 2006 the Job Openings information will be included for Economic Growth Region 10 only. As stated previously, this region includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington Counties.



## LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



### LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	JULY 2006	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench- marked
United States	153,208,000	145,606,000	7,602,000	5.0	4.8	5.2
Indiana	3,297,700	3,114,800	182,900	5.5	5.1	5.3
Clark County	55,170	52,170	3,000	5.4	5.3	4.96
Crawford County	5,565	5,180	385	6.9	6.2	6.9
Floyd County	38,830	36,740	2,090	5.4	5.4	4.9
Harrison County	20,160	18,900	1,260	6.3	5.4	6.3
Scott County	11,730	10,920	810	6.9	6.7	5.9
Washington County	14,650	13,680	970	6.6	6.3	5.3

**Labor Force Data** The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The July 2006 data are preliminary data and July 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 10 have been included.

As previously announced BLS had found errors in some of the employment inputs used in the sub-state estimates published earlier this year and decided to conduct a thorough review of all inputs. That review is now complete. The corrections to the data for January, February, and March 2005 had small to moderate impacts on employment and labor force levels and little impact on unemployment rates in most areas. The labor force, unemployment and unemployment rate data for 2004 presented in this release also reflects the corrections to the inputs.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY		
RANK – JULY 2006	COUNTY	JULY 2006 RATE
51	Clark	5.4
19	Crawford	6.9
53	Floyd	5.4
28	Harrison	6.3
21	Scott	6.9
26	Washington	6.6

Howard County ranked 1<sup>st</sup> with a rate of 9.2% and Hamilton County ranked 92<sup>nd</sup> with a rate of 3.3%.



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